



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
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Dear families and caregivers,

In last week's update, I suggested what a difference a week makes but I believe our current situation allows for me to state changes are happening daily. What hasn't changed is our amazing school, students, families, and staff. The creative ways to keep learning on-going, the efforts to support families, and the positive "Can do" attitude of our community is inspiring

As we move into week two of our new normal I can confirm the following information:

1. Governor Herbert announced schools will continue to be on an extended dismissal until at least May 1st. By that date the Governor and other local, state, and federal agencies will confirm next steps.
2. Teachers will continue to support remote learning. As you have questions, as you need more support or work for students, contact the teachers. As suggested in the latest McPolin Moment video, patience, self-care, and giving ourselves permission to make mistakes is top priority. Let us know how to help.
 - a. In reference to needing more school work, starting next week on Monday, the front lobby will be open from 8:00am-2:00pm Monday-Thursday. If we need to distribute more printed materials, we will place them on the table in the lobby for pick-up.
3. I will continue to share McPolin Moments on Tues. and Thurs., with this Office Update on Weds. to help keep us all informed.

Going forward, we remind everyone to be patient. Many of our teachers are parents. Trying to manage the current situation and all the stressors, while expected to be a homeschool teacher, is overwhelming even for veteran educators. Do not hesitate to ask for support or to ask questions as they surface. We need to support one another more than ever, even as we work from a distance.

Maybe therein lies the opportunity, we can do hard things when we stick together. I shared with the staff an old saying, "Inch by inch is a cinch, yard by yard by is really hard." More than ever, contact us with any and all questions, concerns, or clarifications. We are in this together. I am confident by staying in touch and by helping one another in ways we never would have thought necessary a week ago, we will be better prepared to what lies ahead here at McPolin, at home, and as a community.

Once again THANK YOU and more than ever, we got this!
Bob Edmiston